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ABSTRACT

The practice of hazing in college fraternities, sororities, high school clubs, professional societies, business, the military, and secret societies is investigated. Through the retelling of actual stories involving hazing, the book addresses the questions of why men and women haze and allow themselves to be hazed, how the problems of hazing can be solved, and what this pervasive tradition says about people and their efforts to bond themselves in groups. In particular, the book focuses on an investigation of events leading up to the death of one hazing victim (Chuck Stenzel), who attended Alfred University in New York State, and how his mother (Eileen Stevens) became America's leading anti-hazing advocate. Appended information includes a selective chronology of college hazing incidents and related miscellanea, a glossary, a reference list of news clippings, an appendix, and an index. (GLR)

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